

REMARKS

The election of species among the species 1-7 of the Official Action is noted.

However, the requirement is traversed in part, and to the extent traversed, reconsideration is requested.

Applicant elects the species of Figs. 1-3 embodiment, upon which claims 1, 2, and 4-6 as presented in the preliminary amendment filed in this case are directed.

It will be noted that, on page 6 of the application, Figs. 1, 2, and 3 are referenced as referring to the same embodiment. Fig. 4 refers to a second embodiment, as does Fig. 6, and Fig. 7 refers to a third embodiment. Fig. 9 refers to a fifth embodiment. Applicant is unable to find a Fig. 14.

The undersigned also recalls a telephone conference conducted March 5, 2007 with the Examiner, who originally, by telephone grouped Figs. 1-3 as a single species. Thus, reconsideration of the grouping of species is respectfully requested, such that the application should be examined with respect to the species of Figs. 1-3 of the single embodiment, to which claims 1, 2 and 4-6 are directed.

Early Action on the merits of the embodiment embracing Figs. 1-3 and claims 1, 2, and 4-6 are respectfully solicited.